



# Friends of the Stoughton Public Library Newsletter

Winter 2019/2020

## MANY THANKS

The **2019 Friends Fall Fundraiser** was a great success. Thanks to everyone for participating, and thanks to our guest speaker, Lisa Nelson of Roots Chocolate. She shared interesting stories about what it's like to be a professional chocolatier. We also learned how chocolate is produced from beans to bars! The event raised more than \$3,400 which exceeded 2018's total by more than \$450. Many thanks to everyone who attended and who helped out!

## WHAT'S UP!

🕒 On Saturday, November 16, 2019 the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library launched a new option for people wishing to purchase used books. A Book Nook is now available on the Mezzanine level of the Library featuring a variety of different categories of books for adults, teens & children. Prices: Hardcover \$2.00 📖 Paperback \$1.00 📖 Teen \$1.00 📖 Children \$1.00

## AmazonSmile

Do you purchase items from Amazon? If you do, part of your purchase can go to the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library. How? When you shop Amazon use **AmazonSmile**. Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from your web browser. If this is your first visit, before you begin shopping select The Friends of the Stoughton Public Library as the charitable organization to receive donations from your eligible purchases. Every eligible purchase you make will result in the Friends receiving a donation, it's a win-win transaction!

## WINTER BOOK SALE in the Library Carnegie Room

**Thursday December 5 – Saturday December 7**



- 📖 Thursday, December 5, Friends of the Library members only from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Open to the public 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Not a Friends member? Join at the door!
- 📖 Friday, Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 📖 Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Donation Bag Sale from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds from Friends' book sales support the Library through funding for programs for all ages, as well as Lucky Day book and DVD collections.

Thank you for your generous support!



## BOOK SALE NOTE

The December, 2019 sale will be the last Friends book sale in the Carnegie Room. However, if you would like to continue the tradition and organize future Friends Carnegie Room book sales, please contact Friends President Amy Allen: 608-719-8368.

## OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

📖 December 24, 25, 31, January 1: Library holiday closings

📖 February 11, 2020: Annual Friends Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. Library Carnegie Room

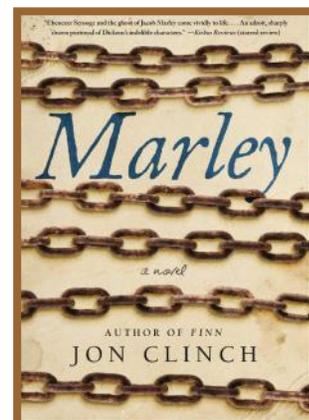
## FRIENDS MISSION

*The mission of the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library is to promote library services to the Stoughton community; to stimulate gifts and bequests to the library; to provide support for library programs; and to encourage the broadest possible use of the library's facilities, materials and services. -- Adopted: January 20, 1984*

## JIM'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

### **Marley** by Jon Clinch

Jacob Marley appears only briefly in Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," and then only as a repentant spirit sent to warn his former business partner Ebenezer Scrooge of the fate which awaits him in the afterlife if he fails to change his ways. (Marley was, after all, "dead, to begin with," as Dickens's famous first line has it.)



Readers who wondered what exactly Scrooge's business partner had done to deserve an eternity as a tormented, chain-rattling ghost will rejoice in Jon Clinch's new book, Marley, a highly enjoyable work of historical fiction that fleshes out Marley's sordid backstory, beginning in 1787 when he meets a young Ebenezer Scrooge at a run-down boarding school. As it turns out, Marley and Scrooge become involved in all sorts of nasty business, including forgery, extortion, and a considerable interest in the soon-to-be-outlawed slave trade.

Just as he did for Huckleberry Finn's terrifying father in his debut novel, Finn, Clinch uses a supporting character from a classic work of fiction as a jumping-off point to build a story rich in period detail that manages to seem both true to the source material and wholly original. Highly recommended!

--Reviewed by **James Ramsey**, Stoughton Library Director

**Editorial Note:** After you put "Marley" on hold, give "Finn" a try. There's no waiting list!

**"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."**

-- Mark Twain --

# LIBRARIAN PROFILE

## Sarah Bukrey

Since 2004, many of you have seen Sarah Bukrey at the Library Circulation Desk – first as an assistant, then for nearly 14 years as the Circulation Supervisor. Sarah checked out Library materials for you and helped resolve any questions that came up about due dates and other borrowing issues. About seven years ago Sarah began to help with craft programs and helped to create the ever popular Craft Club that so many of you enjoy.



Congratulations to Sarah who now begins a new chapter in her Stoughton Public Library Life as the new Tech Services Supervisor! Sarah will be working behind the scenes to make sure all your favorite books, DVDs, audio books, and other library items are ordered and prepared for you to check out. Don't worry. You'll still see Sarah occasionally at Library service desks, and she will still be teaching Craft Club!

Sarah's interest in crafts goes beyond the Library, for she is a textile artist and focuses on weaving, knitting, and dyeing yarn. Sarah has also been a member of the Stoughton Arts Council since 2015, and is currently the Arts Council President. Thanks to Sarah and the entire Arts Council for the 2019 ArtWalk Stoughton! Sarah lives in Stoughton with her husband, children, and several cats.

## GREAT BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Here are some titles to help you celebrate the holidays and appreciate the winter season – which seemed to arrive rather suddenly this year!

### ***Miracle On 34th Street* by Valentine Davies**

You've no doubt seen the movie many times; but did you ever read the book? People usually say, "the book is better than the movie." Discover the story as Valentine Davies originally dreamed it up as he was watching the Macy Thanksgiving Day parade from his living room window in 1947. Tomie dePaola's illustrated edition is a favorite of many people.

### ***A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas**

Even today, most people enjoy this nostalgic reminiscence of growing up in a simpler time. This is the author's remembrances of Welch Christmases when he was a boy. "It was always snowing at Christmas. December, in my memory, is white as Lapland." The story started out as a talk on BBC radio in 1942 and emerged in its present form in 1945.

### **Enjoy these books showing the beauty of snowflakes as photographed by Patricia Rasmussen:**

- ❄ The Snowflake: Winter's Secret Beauty
- ❄ The Little Book Of Snowflakes
- ❄ The Snowflake : Winter's Frozen Artistry
- ❄ Ken Libbrecht's Field Guide To Snowflakes
- ❄ The Secret Life Of A Snowflake : An Up-Close Look At The Art & Science Of Snowflakes

-- From **Richard MacDonald**, retired Stoughton Library Director.

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